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1. On 13 February 1954, the Eichhorn Kaserne (4446), Frankfurt/Oder, was occupied by about 500 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. Between 2 and 13 February, a vehicle shed, which was about 100 meters long, was being reconditioned with large shelves being installed and most of the gates being blocked off. Twelve 2-room apartments for officer families were being prepared in a quartering building. Another quartering building allegedly was also scheduled to be reconditioned for officer families. Motor vehicles were identified.

2. Between 2 and 13 February, the construction of a shed for the storage of oil and gasoline, a ramp for the spur track, an alarm for the 6 watchtowers and 10 apartments, 8 of which were already occupied, was observed in the Hofbauer Kaserne (4447).

3. On 13 February, the Horn Kaserne (4445) and the Ziethen Kaserne (4444) were occupied to capacity. A building with 12 apartments for officer families was built in each of the two installations.

4. On 13 February, the Hindenburg Kaserne (4443) was occupied by about 600 to 700 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Troops received instruction on 1 T-34/85 tank, 1 JS-2 tank and 1 SU-100 gun in the barracks yard.

5. On 12 January, the Artillerie Kaserne (4442) was occupied by about 300 to 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and motor transport insignia. On 31 December 1953, about 30 troops left the installation and 4 trucks were seen in the northwest corner of the installation. On 12 January, there was no training. Motor vehicles were seen en route to and from the installation.

6. On 12 January, the Buelow Kaserne (4441) was occupied. About 90 percent of the windows of the quartering buildings were lighted after nightfall. On 28 December, about 15 to 20 troops, wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia, armed with carbines and carrying practice targets, entered the installation. Fourteen tanks were also observed in the barracks area.

 Comment. The information does not indicate any change in the occupation of the barracks installations in Frankfurt/Oder. The actual strength figure for the Artillerie Kaserne should be at least twice as high. See

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